

Similarity and Transformations

Lesson Objective **INBAT perform and describe similarity transformations**

A dilation is a transformation that preserves shape but NOT size.
 → So, a dilation is a nonrigid motion.

A similarity transformation is a dilation OR a composition of rigid motions and dilations.

Similar Figures Two geometric figures are similar figures if and only if there is a similarity transformation that maps one of the figures onto the other.

→ Similar figures ALWAYS have the same shape, but *not necessarily the same size*.

Congruence transformations preserve length and angle measure.

Think About It... If a dilation has a scale factor, k , what are the value(s) for k so that the dilation is ALSO a congruence transformation?

$$k = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad k = -1$$

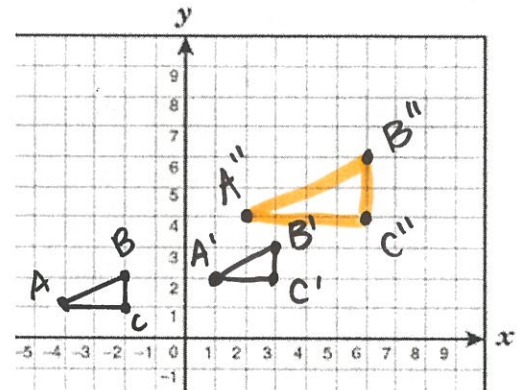
→ So, when the scale factor of the dilation(s) is NOT equal to 1 or -1, similarity transformations preserve angle measure ONLY.

Examples

1. Graph $\triangle ABC$ with vertices $A(-4, 1)$, $B(-2, 2)$ and $C(-2, 1)$ and its image after the similarity transformation:

Translation: $(x, y) \rightarrow (x + 5, y + 1)$

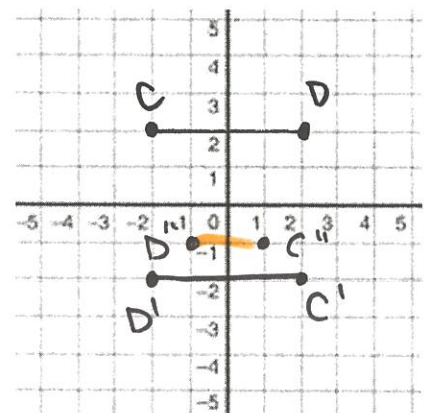
Dilation: $(x, y) \rightarrow (2x, 2y)$



2. Graph $\overline{CD}$ with vertices $C(-2, 2)$ and $D(2, 2)$ and its image after the similarity transformation:

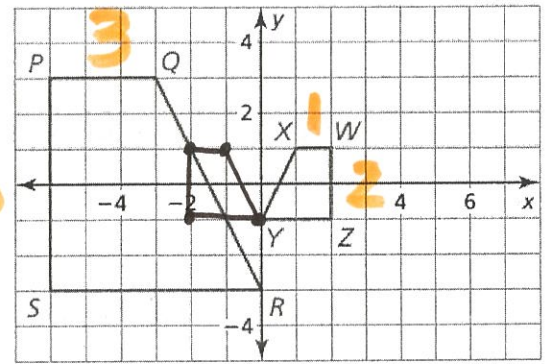
Rotation: 180° about the origin

Dilation: $(x, y) \rightarrow (\frac{1}{2}x, \frac{1}{2}y)$



3. Describe a similarity transformation that maps trapezoid PQRS to trapezoid WXYZ.

dilate: $(x, y) \rightarrow (\frac{1}{3}x, \frac{1}{3}y)$
 reflection: $(x, y) \rightarrow (-x, y)$



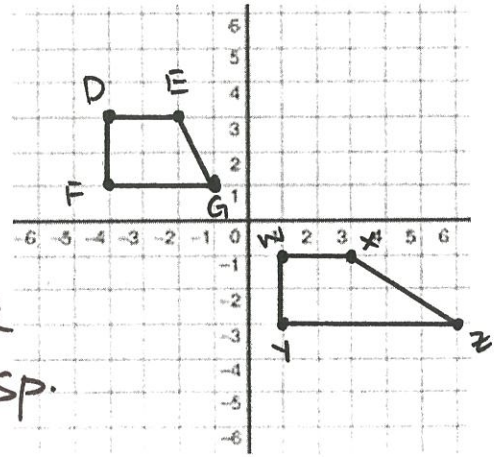
4. Determine whether the polygons are similar. Use transformations to explain your reasoning.

$$\frac{DE}{WX} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

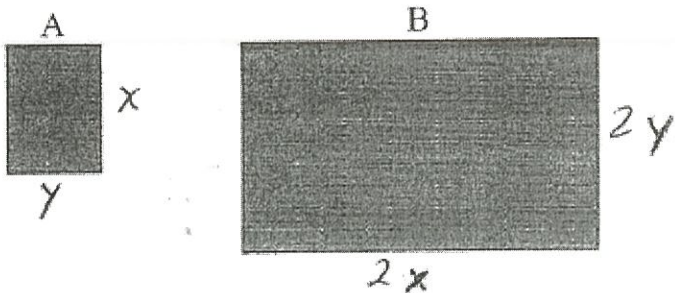
$$\frac{DF}{WY} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

$$\frac{FG}{YZ} = \frac{3}{5} \neq 1$$

The shapes
are NOT
similar since
ratios of corresp.
sides are
not =.



5. Prove that the rectangles are similar.



*all corresp. $\angle$ s are $\cong$
 (all rt. $\angle$ s are $\cong$)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{2x}{x} = 2 \\ \frac{2y}{y} = 2 \end{array} \right\} \text{all corresp. sides} \\ \text{are = in ratio}$$

The rectangles
are ~~not~~ similar!